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Proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011

Review of part two: biennial programme plan by sectoral, functional and regional bodies

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Secretariat provides herewith information on the review of the proposed part two: biennial programme plan, of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 by relevant sectoral, functional and regional bodies.

2. Annexes I to V provide an overview of action taken by the relevant intergovernmental bodies and by the Secretariat. The relevant documents, as available, can be provided to the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as necessary.

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Annex I

Overview of action taken on the review of part two: biennial programme plan of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 by relevant intergovernmental bodies and the Secretariat

Programme and subprogramme	*Sectoral, functional or regional body*	*Document symbol*	*Comments*
1. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	Committee on Conferences	Letter dated 6 May 2008 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC)	At its 490th meeting, on 29 April 2008, the Committee on Conferences, in its capacity as the oversight body for programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, reviewed the biennial programme plan for programme 1, as contained in document A/63/6 (Prog. 1). The Committee proposed a number of modifications for incorporation into programme 1. Those modifications are contained in annex II The Committee also underscored the importance of quality control of documentation and reserved the right to propose the addition of another indicator of achievement under subprogramme 3, Documentation services, in all duty stations in future The Committee attached great importance to the role of CPC as the main subsidiary body of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination; the Committee was therefore providing its inputs for the consideration of CPC
2. Political affairs			
Subprogramme 1. Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts	None	—	—

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Subprogramme 2. Electoral assistance	None	—	—
Subprogramme 3. Security Council affairs	Security Council	—	—
Subprogramme 4. Decolonization	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	—	—
Subprogramme 5. Question of Palestine	Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	—	The Bureau of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People reviewed and approved the proposed biennial programme for the period 2010-2011 for subprogramme 5, Question of Palestine, as contained in document A/63/6 (Prog. 2)
Subprogramme 6. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process	None	—	—
Subprogramme 7. Peacebuilding Support Office	None	—	—
Subprogramme 8. United Nations Register of Damage Caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory	None	—	—
3. Disarmament	Disarmament Commission	—	—
4. Peacekeeping operations	Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations	—	—
5. Peaceful uses of outer space	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	—	The Committee will review the proposed biennial programme plan, as contained in document A/63/6 (Prog. 5), at its fifty-first session to be held from 11 to 20 June 2008

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6. Legal affairs			
Subprogrammes 1, 2, 4 and 6	None	—	—
Subprogramme 3. Progressive development and codification of international law	International Law Commission	—	The Commission reviewed the elements related to its work. No questions were raised
Subprogramme 5. Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	—	The Bureau of the Commission will review all elements related to the work of the Commission at its meeting scheduled in June-July 2008
7. Economic and social affairs			
Subprogramme 1. Economic and Social Council support and coordination	Economic and Social Council	—	The Council will consider subprogramme 1 of the proposed biennial programme plan, as contained in document A/63/6 (Prog. 7), at its 2008 substantive session, to be held in July 2008
Subprogramme 2. Gender issues and advancement of women	Commission on the Status of Women	E/2008/27	The discussion of the proposed biennial programme plan, submitted to the Commission in document E/CN.6/2008/CRP.4, is reflected in its final report (E/2008/27)
Subprogramme 3. Social policy and development	Commission for Social Development	E/2008/26	The discussion of the proposed biennial programme plan, submitted to the Commission in document E/CN.5/2008/9, is reflected in its final report (E/2008/26)
Subprogramme 4. Sustainable development	Commission on Sustainable Development	—	The proposed biennial programme plan was submitted to the Commission in document E/CN.17/2008/14 and the related discussion will be reflected in the final report of the Commission

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Subprogramme 5. Statistics	Statistical Commission	E/2008/24	The discussion of and the decision on the proposed biennial programme plan, submitted to the Commission, is reflected in its final report (E/2008/24) and its decision 39/116 (a)
Subprogramme 6. Population	Commission on Population and Development	E/2008/25	The discussion of the proposed biennial programme plan, submitted to the Commission in document E/CN.9/2008/7, is reflected in its final report (E/2008/25)
Subprogramme 7. Development policy and analysis	None	—	—
Subprogramme 8. Public administration and development management	Committee of Experts on Public Administration	E/2008/44	The discussion of the proposed biennial programme plan, submitted to the Committee in document E/C.16/2008/4, is reflected in its final report (E/2008/44)
Subprogramme 9. Sustainable forest management	United Nations Forum on Forests	—	The next session of the United Nations Forum on Forests will be held in 2009
Subprogramme 10. Financing for development	None		
8. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	None		
9. United Nations Support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	None		
10. Trade and development			
Subprogrammes 1-5. (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD))	Trade and Development Board/Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget	TD/B/WP/L.129	The Working Party will meet and review the relevant section of the proposed biennial programme plan, as reflected in document A/63/6 (Prog. 10), from 16 to 18 June 2008. As

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			information is made available thereafter, the views and observations arising therefrom will be reported to CPC at its forty-eighth session or directly to the General Assembly should CPC have concluded its session
Subprogramme 6. (International Trade Centre)	Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/World Trade Organization	—	—
11. Environment	Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	—	The UNEP Committee of Permanent Representatives conditionally approved programme 11 of the biennial programme plan of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 at its meeting held on 5 February 2008 as it awaited the decision of the Governing Council. The Council, at its tenth special session, held in February 2008, by its decision SS.X/3, welcomed the UNEP medium-term strategy 2010-2013 and authorized the Executive Director to use the strategy in formulating the strategic frameworks and programmes of work and budgets for 2010-2011 and 2012-2013 and as a means to encourage coordination among UNEP divisions, without prejudicing the outcome of the governmental negotiations on the programmes of work and budgets. The views expressed were subsequently taken into account in document A/63/6 (Prog. 11)
12. Human settlements	Governing Council of UN-Habitat	—	The Governing Council entrusted its subcommittee, the Committee of Permanent Representatives, to review the biennial programme plan and provide inputs. The Working

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			Group on Policy, Budget and Administrative Matters of the Committee reviewed the document in two meetings on 19 and 26 November 2007. The views expressed were subsequently taken into account in document A/63/6 (Prog. 12)
13. International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Commission on Narcotic Drugs	—	The proposed biennial programme plan of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 was reviewed by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its seventeenth session, held from 14 to 18 April 2008. It was circulated to members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for review and comments. As of 7 May 2008, observations and suggestions were received from three member States. Those comments and observations are contained in annex V
14. Economic and social development in Africa	Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development	E/ECA/CoE/27/17	By its resolution 857 (XLI), the ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development endorsed programme 14 of the biennial programme plan of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011, taking into account the discussion and related observations made at its forty-first session, held from 26 March to 2 April 2008
15. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)/ Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives	E/ESCAP/64/L.3-L.16	The Commission, at its sixty-fourth session, held from 24 to 30 April 2008, endorsed programme 15 of the biennial programme plan of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011, subject to the inclusion of the revisions contained in annex III

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16. Economic development in Europe	Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)/Executive Committee		A special session of the Timber Committee was held from 28 to 30 April 2008 to reflect the outcome of the Strategic Review and Plan of the ECE/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations integrated programme of work on timber and forestry. The Committee decided to partially revise subprogramme 7. Those revisions were subsequently presented to the Executive Committee of ECE on 6 May 2008 and are contained in annex IV
17. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)	LC/G.2373(SES.32/9)	The proposed strategic framework was the basis for preparing the draft ECLAC work programme for the biennium 2010-2011, to be reviewed for adoption by the Commission in the biennial session (Santo Domingo, 9-13 June 2008). As information is made available thereafter, the views and observations arising therefrom will be reported to CPC at its forty-eighth session or directly to the General Assembly should CPC have concluded its session
18. Economic and social development in Western Asia	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia		The proposed biennial programme plan will be reviewed by the Commission at its twenty-fifth session, to be held in Sana'a from 26 to 29 May 2008. As information is made available thereafter, the views and observations arising therefrom will be reported to CPC at its forty-eighth session or directly to the General Assembly should CPC have concluded its session

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19. Human rights	Human Rights Council	—	The Human Rights Council is expected to consider the proposed biennial programme plan in respect of programme 19, Human rights, during its eighth session, to be held from 2 to 18 June 2007. The decision to be taken by the Council will likely be reported to CPC at its forty-eighth session or directly to the General Assembly should CPC have concluded its session. The role of the Council in the review of the proposed biennial programme plan in respect of programme 19 was recently clarified since from a legal point of view, the Council should not, consistent with the practice of the former Commission on Human Rights, be considered a relevant intergovernmental organ within the meaning of regulation 4.8 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation. Nevertheless, the High Commissioner has informed the Council that she is prepared to submit the proposed biennial programme plan in respect of programme 19 for discussion in the Council on a voluntary basis prior to its submission to CPC and the General Assembly
20. International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees/Standing Committee	—	—
21. Palestine refugees	None		
22. Humanitarian assistance	None		

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23. Public information	Committee on Information	—	The Committee did not review the proposed biennial programme plan during its thirtieth session, held from 28 April to 9 May 2008
24. Management and support services	None		
25. Internal oversight	None		
26. Jointly financed activities	None		
27. Safety and security	None		

Annex II

Proposed revisions to the proposed biennial programme plan of programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, as proposed by the Committee on Conferences

The following modifications are proposed to be incorporated in programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management:

Overall orientation

- Paragraph 1.3, last sentence: replace the words "to actively provide" with "to provide in a proactive and synergistic manner"

A. Conference management, New York

Subprogramme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs

- Indicators of achievement: replace indicator (a) with "(a) Reduced number of complaints by representatives of Member States to intergovernmental organs and members of expert bodies referring to the conduct of meetings as well as to the level and quality of technical secretariat services"

Subprogramme 2, Planning and coordination of conference services

- Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat: under expected accomplishment (a), replace the words "Delivery of high-quality" with "Improved quality of"; under expected accomplishment (d), insert "the timely" before the words "issuance of documents"
- Indicators of achievement: replace indicator (a) with "(a) Reduced number of complaints by representatives of Member States to intergovernmental organs and members of expert bodies as to the quality of conference services"; under indicators (b) (i) and (ii), insert "percentage of" after the word "Increased"; under indicator (c) (i), replace the word "Maintain" with "Improved"; replace indicator (d) with the following two indicators:

  "(d) (i) Increased percentage of documents submitted by author departments/offices in accordance with the required deadline

  "(d) (ii) Increased percentage of documents submitted on time, within page limits and issued in accordance with the six-week rule"

Subprogramme 3, Documentation services

- Indicators of achievement: replace indicator (a) with "(a) Reduced number of complaints by representatives of Member States to intergovernmental organs, members of expert bodies and client departments as to the quality of translation and editorial services"
- Strategy: paragraph 1.8, second sentence: after "from a full-system perspective", insert the words "while seeking greater quality and cost-

effectiveness"; in subparagraphs (d) and (e), replace the words "all categories of staff (established capacity, freelancers and contractors)" with "all staff, whether permanent or temporary, and contractors"

Subprogramme 4, Meetings and publishing services

- Indicators of achievement: replace indicator (a) with "(a) Reduced number of complaints by representatives of Member States to intergovernmental organs, members of expert bodies and client departments as to the quality of interpretation, verbatim reporting and publishing services"
- Strategy, paragraph 1.9: in subparagraph (a), replace the words "cost-effective" with "timely"; in subparagraphs (c) and (e), replace the words "all categories of staff (established capacity, freelancers and contractors)" with "all staff, whether permanent or temporary, and contractors"

B. C. and D. Conference management, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi

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  "(d) (ii) Increased percentage of documents submitted on time, within page limits and issued in accordance with the six-week rule"

Subprogramme 3, Documentation services

- Indicators of achievement: replace indicator (a) with "(a) Reduced number of complaints by representatives of Member States to intergovernmental organs, members of expert bodies and client departments as to the quality of translation and editorial services"
- Strategy: paragraphs 1.11, 1.14 and 1.17: in subparagraphs (d) and (e), replace the words "all categories of staff (established capacity, freelancers and contractors)" with "all staff, whether permanent or temporary, and contractors"

Subprogramme 4, Meetings and publishing services

- Indicators of achievement: replace indicator (a) with "(a) Reduced number of complaints by representatives of Member States to intergovernmental organs, members of expert bodies and client departments as to the quality of interpretation, verbatim reporting and publishing services"

- **Strategy: paragraph 1.10: in subparagraph (a), after the words "United Nations bodies based in Geneva", insert "especially the Human Rights Council"; paragraphs 1.12, 1.15 and 1.18: in subparagraph (a), replace the words "cost-effective" with "timely"; in subparagraphs (d) and (e), replace the words "all categories of staff (established capacity, freelancers and contractors)" with "all staff, whether permanent or temporary, and contractors"; paragraph 1.14: in the second sentence, insert "quality and" before the words "cost-effectiveness"; paragraph 1.17: in the second sentence, insert "quality and" before the words "cost-effectiveness"**

Legislative mandates

- **Add the following mandate: "60/286, Revitalization of the General Assembly"**

Annex III

Proposed revisions to the proposed biennial programme plan of programme 15, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, based on the review of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-fourth session (24-30 April 2008)

The following modifications are proposed to be incorporated in programme 15, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific:

Overall orientation

- Paragraph 15.12, after the second sentence: add "ESCAP will pursue a balanced approach to addressing social, environmental and economic issues, including those related to trade, transport and infrastructure development, to promote sustainable growth and development."

Subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development

- Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat: under expected accomplishment (c), add the words "internationally agreed development goals, including the" before "Millennium Development Goals"

Subprogramme 3, Transport

- Expected accomplishment of the Secretariat: under expected accomplishment (c), delete "and safety", and add at the end of the sentence "as well as to improve road safety"
- Indicators of achievement: under indicator of achievement (c) (i), replace "transport safety" with "road safety"

Annex IV

Proposed revisions to the proposed biennial programme plan of programme 16, Economic development in Europe, based on the review of the Timber Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe (28-30 April 2008)

The following modifications are proposed to be incorporated in programme 16, Economic development in Europe:

Subprogramme 7, Timber and forestry

- Objective of the Organization: replace the text with the following: "to strengthen the forest sector and its contribution to sustainable development throughout the ECE region"
- Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat: under expected accomplishment (a) (iii), after "Sound use of wood" add the following: ", for material and energy purposes,"
- Strategy: replace paragraphs 16.36 and 16.37 with the following and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

"16.36 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Trade and Timber Division, Timber Section. The subprogramme will aim at developing and applying analytical and monitoring tools, both on policy and on developments on the ground, collecting, validating and disseminating information and analysis, as well as stimulating the exchange of experience, best practice and joint efforts to measure progress. The subprogramme will provide a platform for topical discussions, taking into account the changing policy environment, notably as regards climate change and bioenergy. It will promote the role of forests in mitigating and adapting to climate change.

"16.37 The subprogramme will promote sustainable management of forests as well as the sound and legal use of forest products, for raw materials and energy, and forest services, based on appropriate policies and institutions. Priorities for 2010-2011 will be guided by the outcome of the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, placing emphasis through the Warsaw resolutions on 'forests, wood and energy' and cross-sector coordination, including 'forests and water'. That has been affirmed by the outcome of the 2007-2008 strategic review, placing a major emphasis on climate change, bioenergy and wood mobilization. The importance of sustainable forest management, sector policies and institutions, forest products markets, and cross-sectoral cooperation has been reaffirmed.

"16.38 While all countries benefit from international cooperation through the subprogramme, special attention will be paid to the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and the Mediterranean region to implement sustainable forest management through capacity-building activities and by promoting their involvement in international activities in the region.

"16.39 As part of the strategy to implement the subprogramme, ECE will carry out its work in cooperation with FAO and the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, and provide regional input to the United Nations Forum on Forests and the FAO Committee on Forestry.

"16.40 To support forest management, including the use of wood and forest products, that is sustainable from the ecological, economic and social points of view, it is necessary to maintain a good balance between those three aspects, based on a strong consensus about goals and methods among all stakeholders, as well as to ensure that the strategy is well integrated into the policy framework of other sectors (the cross-sectoral approach). Achieving sustainable forest management is primarily a sovereign national responsibility. However, regional international cooperation and interregional cooperation, through the timber and forestry subprogramme and its partners, will contribute by developing and disseminating concepts and information, through communication, the sharing of experience and the definition of standard measurement tools (indicators) for sustainable forest management."

Legislative mandates

- Add the following mandate: "62/98, Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests"

Annex V

Observation of and revisions to the proposed biennial programme plan of programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, as proposed by three delegations members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

1. The view was expressed that the proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 in respect of programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice, appears to be a reasonable approach to implementing the strategy for 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, which was approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolutions 2007/12 and 2007/19. Support was expressed for the integrated approach reflected in planning documents of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. The need to streamline the project portfolio in line with the strategy of the Office for 2008-2011 and the strategic framework for 2010-2011 was also stressed.

2. One member State stressed the need for a balance between drug treatment efforts and measures to control HIV/AIDS.

3. The following changes to the proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 were suggested:

Subprogramme 2, Policy and trend analysis

- Strategy: paragraph 13.16 (f) should read "Achieving a better balance between prevention, treatment and enforcement in programme planning and project development"

Subprogramme 3, Prevention, treatment and reintegration, and alternative development

- Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat: paragraph (d) should read "Enhanced regional cooperation in dealing with the problems related to control, prevention and treatment of drugs and crime"